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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

POTTER ET AL.

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For: "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
PROCESSING WASTE STREAMS  
DERIVED FROM THE DEHAIRING OF  
ANIMALS"

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement dated February 23, 2004 by electing, with  
traverse, Group I, Claims 1-3, drawn to a method for removing hair from a bovine animal. In  
traverse of such restriction requirement, however, Applicants state as follows:

Applicants respectfully submit that where a single field of a search thoroughly covers all of  
the claims in an application, different classifications in the Patent and Trademark Office should not  
be controlling. It is respectfully submitted that in this case the restriction requirement only serves  
to increase the expense to Applicants and to the Patent and Trademark Office. As noted in the  
Commissioner's Notice of April 9, 1975, 930 O.G. 450 and M.P.E.P §803, where search and  
examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner is  
encouraged to examine on the merits, even if it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.  
Please amend the claims as follows:

) Group Art Unit: 3643

) Examiner: Peter M. Poon

) RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
) REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

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